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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/18/76

Attached from Legat, Buenos Aires, reflects a new date for the expected military coup in that country, March 20 or 21, 1976. (S)

A source in the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (AAIS) advised that the Argentine military attaches in their embassies throughout the world have been instructed to bypass their Ambassadors in each country and notify the host governments that the incumbent government of President Estela Peron will be replaced by a military government. This notification will be given to the military attaches 12 hours in advance of the coup. (S)

Ten countries have, reportedly, already advised they will recognize the new military government. (S)

The AAIS has received disturbing reports that junior military officers intend to act prior to the coup d'etat against labor union leaders who are considered leftist or corrupt. (S)

The Legal Attache has advised that personnel of that office are taking security precautions. (S)

The above information has been coordinated throughout the U.S. Embassy in

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Data in the attached has been disseminated by teletype to State, Department, CIA, DIA and Deputy Attorney General, Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit.

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ON MARCH 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)

INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE AAIS FROM THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INDICATE THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WILL STAGE A COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE INCUMBENT PERONIST GOVERNMENT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1976 OR POSSIBLY SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1976. (S)

THE SENIOR ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHE IN EACH EMBASSY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BYPASS THE RESPECTIVE AMBASSADOR IN EACH COUNTRY AND PRESENT HIMSELF TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT, NOTIFYING THAT GOVERNMENT THAT THE INCUMBENT PERON GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPLACED BY A MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THIS NOTIFICATION TO THE SENIOR ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHES IN THE VARIOUS EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL BE TIMED SO THAT (S)

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THE SENIOR MILITARY ATTACHE WILL HAVE AT LEAST TWELVE HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE ACTUAL TIME OF THE MILITARY COUP D'ETAT. (S)

ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT PASSED FROM THE ARGENTINE ARMY HIGH COMMAND, TEN COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY INFORMALLY ADVISED ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHES IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION WOULD BE PROVIDED TO AN ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. (S)

THE FUTURE ARGENTINE MILITARY INCUMBENTS OF ALL IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DECIDED. FOR EXAMPLE, GENERAL DALLA TEA OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY HIGH COMMAND IS SLATED TO BECOME THE SECRETARY TO THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENCY. (S)

THE AAIS HAS BEEN RECEIVING DISTURBING REPORTS THAT JUNIOR MILITARY OFFICERS INTEND TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS PRIOR TO THE COUP D'ETAT WITH SPECIFIC TARGETING AGAINST LABOR UNION LEADERS WHOM THEY CONSIDER TO BE LEFTISTS OR ESPECIALLY CORRUPT. THE AAIS IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS MATTER IN AN EFFORT TO TAKE PREVENTIVE ACTION AGAINST THESE YOUNGER OFFICERS. (S)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. COORDINATED LOCALLY. [SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS.] (S)

LEGAT PERSONNEL WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.

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